

## BISMARCK'S PACIFIC SPEECH.

## HIS GREAT ADDRESS IN THE REICHSTAG ON THE MILITARY BILL.

The Warlike Tendencies of Russia and France Drove Germany to an Attitude of Defense—Austria the Natural Ally of Germany.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—The Reichstag proceeded with the first reading of the military bill to-day. Prince Bismarck arose to address the house. He said: "I do not believe that I can add anything to the true state of the case regarding the bill. I do not address you on that account. My object is to speak of the general situation of Europe. I may confine myself to referring to what I said on the same subject over a year ago. There has been very little change since then, when I feared war was peace-loving president, and a pacific disposition has prevailed. I can, therefore, reassure the public that, so far as France is concerned, the prospect has become more peaceful. Regarding Russia also, I am of no other opinion than I said that we have to apprehend no attack from Russia. The situation must not be judged from press comments.

"The Russian newspapers I do not believe. I believe the czar's word absolutely. The situation on the whole is not different from what it was a year ago. The concentration of Russian troops on the frontier may appear serious, but I perceive no cause or pretext for a Russian or a European war. Russia is not to be considered a Russian or a European power.

"Indeed, I go so far in my confidence as to say that I believe that Russia will not necessitate a war with Russia, although the latter eventually would involve the former. The Russian newspapers are full of statements regarding the concentration of troops on the frontier, but, having been well acquainted with Russia for many years, I believe that the next European crisis, and therefore wishes to push his military forces as far westward as possible.

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## AN UNSCHELLED FOR ATTACK.

## SENATOR HALE TRIES TO REHABILITATE THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

He Says It Lacks Art, Science, and Manufacture, and is Therefore, no Place to Locate the Great Permanent Exposition.

Senator Hale's remarks on the proposed permanent exposition which is to be held in this city caused much comment last night, not only by the business men but by a number of senators and members who have always favored this city as being the best place at which to locate such an exposition. The total resolution as introduced by Mr. Hale read: "In addition to such other celebration as may hereafter be provided for" that the two houses of Congress shall meet in the hall of the House of Representatives, that the chief justice of the United States shall deliver the opening address, and that the President of the United States, the members of the Cabinet, the executives of the several states, and the members of the several congresses shall be invited to attend.

Mr. Hale asked Mr. Hale whether there would be any form of a great industrial exposition in this city.

Mr. Hale replied that the committee had not come to any conclusion on that subject, and had not even considered it. The committee had heard some persons in regard to it, but had not taken it up for action.

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## A MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL.

## An Institution Badly Needed in This District.

The commissioners, in their annual report to the President and Congress, spoke of the great need of a municipal hospital in this city. The report was made by the commissioners of the District of Columbia, and was a most interesting and valuable document. It contained many suggestions for the improvement of the city, and was a most valuable contribution to the public mind. The report was made by the commissioners of the District of Columbia, and was a most interesting and valuable document. It contained many suggestions for the improvement of the city, and was a most valuable contribution to the public mind.

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## THE NATIONAL OPERA.

## Brilliant Success of the Company in "Tannhauser."

The National Opera Company began a week's season of grand opera in English at the Metropolitan Opera House last night. The company, which was composed of the best singers and musicians of the world, gave a most brilliant performance of Wagner's "Tannhauser." The performance was a most successful one, and the company was well received by the audience.

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## THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

## His Brilliant and Largely Anticipated Reception.

Representatives of all Nations Led Their Presence—Handsome Ladies in Elegant Toilettes—Mrs. Lamont's Enthusiasm—Mrs. Whitney at the Reception—The Secretary of State was well received by the audience.

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## MOUNT VERNON AVENUE.

## Not Disposed to Have Mr. Corbett Destroy the Project.

It has been learned that Representative Corbett, of the Virginia legislature, has submitted a proposition in the nature of a compromise to the Mount Vernon Avenue Association committee. If it is accepted it will have the effect of taking the entire management out of the hands of the association, and placing it in the hands of the Virginia legislature. The association committee, however, is not disposed to have Mr. Corbett destroy the project.

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## DISTRICT LEGISLATION.

## MEASURES THE COMMISSIONERS FAVOR.

AND THOSE THEY DO NOT.

The commissioners recommend for favorable action H. R. bill 3200, respecting the service of summons. They report unfavorably on H. R. bill 3214, "for the relief of Providence Hospital," unless the amendments to exclude all special assessments that are security for outstanding lien certificates.

They favor the bill 1901, "to prevent any person or persons in the cities of Washington and Georgetown from draining lands and pools on the result of draining, or any other means." Favorable action is also recommended on bill 4946, to regulate proceedings in cases of mortgage and deeds of trust in the District of Columbia; also, bill 4947, "to provide a criminal code for the District of Columbia," also, bill 1514, relating to the record of wills in the District of Columbia; also, bill 1515, "governing appointments to office in the District of Columbia," also, bill 1553, "to authorize the commissioners of the District of Columbia to complete a contract for the sale of certain real estate to Job Barard."

Respecting H. R. bill 3200, the commissioners of the District of Columbia Suburban Railway Company, they say that the powers sought by the company are vague and indefinite, and that the bill is in many respects defective. They recommend that it be not passed.

In all cases of railway legislation concerning construction and equipment of the District of Columbia, the board of commissioners of the District of Columbia should be required to file a schedule of running expenses, and to show the cost of the proposed project. The company should be required to file a schedule of running expenses, and to show the cost of the proposed project.

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## PERSONALITIES.

## FEMA JURY OF THE NATIONAL OPERA COMPANY.

Is at Willard.

ABSTRACT POSTMASTER GENERAL. REVENUE is steadily improving.

CHIEF NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR WILSON will visit New York to-day for the purpose of inspecting the Atlantic.

Mrs. Holmes, wife of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, died at her residence on Sussex street, Boston, yesterday morning, in her 61st year.

HARVEY M. FRIEST, of Ohio, a law clerk in the office of the assistant attorney general for the interior department, has resigned to accept the position of secretary to Associated Justice Lamar.

THE WEARY PEDS AT WORK.

Ten of the Starters Dropped for Failing to Make 100 Miles.

New York, Feb. 6.—During the day the attendance at the walking match at Madison Square Garden was not large. The immense structure was, however, well filled this evening.

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